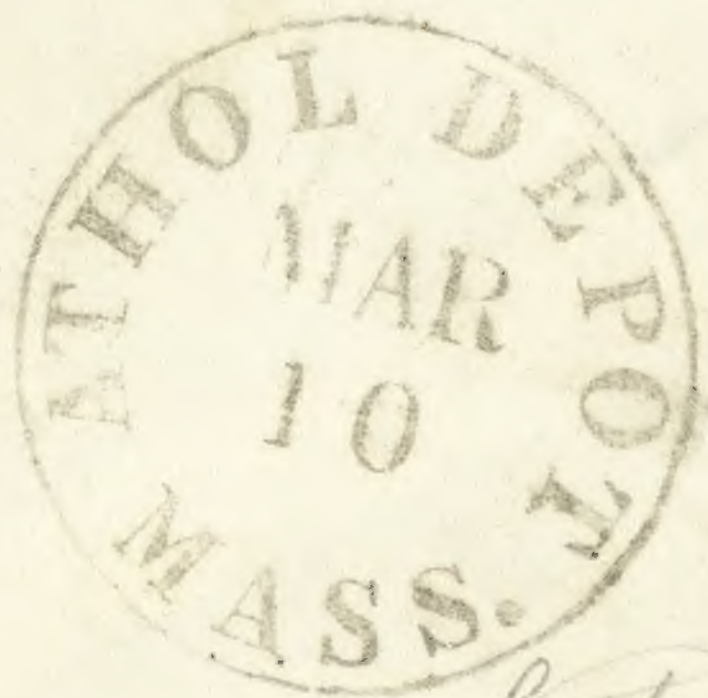


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Mr Samuel May Jr.

21 Cornhill

Boston



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Mr May,

Dear Sir,

Immediately

after receiving your Note of
Feb 22nd even before writing you,
I engaged the Town-Hall, for the
use of Miss Holley for Thursday
evening, March 8th, and Union Hall,
Athol Depot Village, for Friday evening,
March 9th.

Last Monday, Town-Meeting
day, I put up Notices of her com-
ing, and of her purpose to give Lectures
on American Slavery at those times
and places. One Notice was put
up at the entrance of the Town
Hall, and 7 or 8 others at the Hotels,
Stores and other public places.

When they came, (I mean Miss
Holley and her companion and con-

stant attendant, Miss Putnam, they were obliged to go to the Hotel, although, application was made for their entertainment in five or six different families, which I ~~con~~^{con}sidered and believed would be most likely to favor the object of their Mission to our Town.

On Thursday evening, I accompanied them to the Town Hall, where we found, (I do not know exactly how many) but I should say 50 or more, men, women and children assembled to hear, or to see, the Missionaries of the Massachusetts Anti Slavery Society.

Miss Holley, chilled, by the ~~small~~ meagerness of the gathering, expressed her misgivings, and thought it would be a useless expenditure of strength to speak to so small an audience, and it was after much hesitation, & after the strongest appeal which I knew how to make, that she was induced to speak.

at all, I said then, and I say now, that if the Agents of the Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society, fail to meet their appointments, after meeting even such a congregation, especially when it is such uncomfortable and disagreeable travelling, they need not expect an audience, ^{here in the future} however great their theme or however important their Mission.

Besides, it is unjust, and discourteous to me, I have no idea of being made the Slave or the Tool of the Managers of our Association, and performing a useless drudgery, even for so sublime a purpose as the ^{advancement} Salvation of four millions of slaves.

Very respectfully
 Your Friend & Fellow-laborer
 H. W. Carter

